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Dear Miss Kate.

This moment I received your dear letter. I shall start Monday next on the Pennsylvania limited - 9 45 A. M. for Chicago and from thence direct to Pawhuska. I saw the President and he asked me, whether I would propose a name of a good man for Indian agent at Pawhuska and I told him "no", that we all had full confidence in his good judgment and had no recommendations to make; only he should give the Osages an honest prudent agent, who is in sympathy with them. I handed to the President my written recommendation in regard of the wishes of the Osage Indians (to get cath. schools) and he told me that "justice shall be done" - The Com. of Int. Affairs will give me a letter to Capt. Potter, the present Agent and direct him that I have full power to act and he to assist me.

Mr. Gorman & Mr. Notcham, chief clerk, will watch every corner for me during my absence and Mr. Lusk has to report to them every day my office news and they will instruct Lusk, what to - do.

I saw also Senators Dawes & Sabine and delivered my letter about the school - land titles to the Senators. As they were engaged in a debate, they had only limited time to talk to me, but gave me an invitation to lunch with them to day at one o'clock in the Senate restaurant, where we will give the subject full consideration. I have no doubt, that I will be successful. You say in your kind feelings, for which I am exceedingly thankful, that I should take good care of my health! but remember - a sick man hastens out of his bed when his house is on fire, he does not wait one minute, he jumps up and starts out in lightning speed. Our Osage Lodge-house is on hot fire, the Methodists have

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the burning torch is hard to destroy the truth and I have to hasten to pour such a strong and cold stream of facts on it to destroy this effect and recover the case.

Please send me the bill & Mr. Jugo's estimate I transmitted to you in care of N^o 41 Louisville Street Chicago as if time allows to the Sun building here. All your letters which you address in care of N^o 41 Chicago will be promptly delivered to me or locked up in Mr. Sullivan's safe until my arrival. -

On the 18th of March 12 Indian children, 8 girls & 9 boys were baptised in our Harbor Spring Indian School. -

Until the California land I will give a full account to Mr. Collahan when I return from the Indian Territory as I am unable to do so ⁱⁿ account of over-work. I went to bed this morning at 2 and was up at 6 again. The whole work rests on my shoulders alone. In my opinion it is best you hold the California land a while yet as the braces will advance. I shall write to Mr. Jones, as he is stationed within 30 Miles of the land. -

What is plan & specification for St. Joseph's? I am anxiously waiting for it.

By my recommendation a Catholic orphan girl was appointed teacher in the 1st. Grammar school at Comatilla, but had to pay her boarding expenses there. Shall I charge it to your account? I hope the little bird arrived safe at N^o 1503. in his new home. I shall let the Chicago parties figure on St. Joseph's estimate until my return from Parkhurst. Bishop Marty wants me by all means to visit him at Yankton. He suffers severely.

I made an application for 20 boarders for the North - Dakota school and wrote an other letter to Bishop George to hurry him up about Dakota. Time calls me to stop writing more. God bless you and your whole house! that is the constant prayer of Yours

in the Lord, J. A. Stephan.